



Firefighter/Paramedic Career

Becoming a firefighter is a highly desirable career choice which demands you to be an aggressive learner, self motivated, and committed. The competition is fierce with over 1,000 applicants for 1 or 2 available positions. The successful individual must complete the following requirements. In addition, you must have a clean driving and crime record before you can be hired. Thorough background investigations are conducted on all candidates. Your career path as a firefighter should begin now.

SKILLS

- **Physical fitness**
gym classes, scholastic sports, weight training
- **Basic math**
algebra, geometry
- **Basic computer**
- **Mechanical**
auto shop, wood shop, metal shop
- **Speaking and writing**
speech, journalism, leadership
- **Science**
biology, chemistry, physics



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- High school graduation or equivalent
- Graduation from or attending a California State Fire Marshal approved fire academy
- Valid Emergency Medical Technician I Certification
- Valid California Driver's License
- Valid Paramedic Certification

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

- Associate of Science/Arts degree
- Foreign language fluency
- Community involvement
- Teaching skills
- Mechanical or construction exp.
- Interpersonal/multicultural skills

RESOURCES

The following resources can be very helpful to you and can provide you with important information regarding a career in firefighting.

For additional information contact the

HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT
2000 MAIN STREET
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

PHONE: (714) 536-5411

FAX: (714) 374-1551

WEBSITE: www.surfcity-hb.org

Santa Ana College

Santa Ana

Phone (714) 564-6845
Fax (714) 564-6850
Website www.sacollege.org

- fire science
- fire academy
- physical agility preparation

American Red Cross

Santa Ana

Phone (714) 835-5381
Website www.redcross.org

- training
- first aid training

Cal State University

Los Angeles

Phone (323) 343-4550
Website www@calstatela.edu

- fire science - (four year B.S. program)

Firefighters Bookstore

Huntington Beach

Phone (714) 375-4888
Website www.firebooks.com

- fire service textbooks
- exam preparation guides

Saddleback College

Mission Viejo

Phone (949) 582-4581

- paramedic school
- emergency medical technician training